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FY 2004 Law Enforcement Tribute Act (LETA) Award Summaries

City of Glendale, CA

The City of Glendale Memorial Project is a work in progress. The project has been partially funded to date by means of City, County, and State contributions, along with the generous contributions of many private individuals, organizations, and corporations. Accompanying the design and construction of a new police facility, the memorial project will be the centerpiece of the new building.

Award amount: \$10,000.

County of Pierce, WA

The Washington State Memorial will be located at the Washington State Capitol campus in Olympia. The memorial is designed as a tribute to law enforcement and public safety officers who gave their lives in the line of duty. The design is based on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Award amount: \$75,000

Nassau County, NY

The Nassau County memorial will honor the eighteen members of the Nassau County Fire Service who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. The memorial project is a collaboration among the Nassau County Fire Commission 9/11 Memorial Committee, local businesses, County departments, a local artist, and dedicated individuals who are donating their talents, labor, materials, and financial support. The design includes symbols, names, emblems, and words of honor and remembrance in a powerful, enduring terrazzo memorial in a beautiful park setting.

Award amount: \$38,271

City of Valdosta, GA

The City of Valdosta will create a police officer memorial located in front of the police headquarters building. The memorial monument will be approximately 5 feet in height, 38 inches wide and 10 inches thick of solid blue granite, mounted on a base and surrounded by a flower bed with a concrete border to encase the monument and flower bed. The monument will be engraved with the Valdosta Police Department Shield and will list the names of officers fallen in the line of duty and the exact dates those officers gave their lives in pursuit of peace and justice.

Award amount: \$2,109

Richland County, SC

The purpose of this project is to visually enhance the current Memorial at the Richland County Sheriff's Department Headquarters. The memorial was dedicated on May 15, 2001, and currently pays tribute to three officers killed in the line of duty.

Award amount: \$1,289

City of Fairbanks, AK

The purpose of this project is to provide a permanent memorial tribute to the men and women of Interior Alaska who have been seriously injured or killed while performing their duties as peace officers. The completion of the new Police Department building in 2002 has provided a suitable, centrally-located site for a permanent tribute. A large jade (Alaska's State gemstone) boulder will occupy a small courtyard in front of the Police Department. Specific name-plaques memorializing the fallen officers will be affixed to a bordering wall, with accompanying illumination.

Award amount: \$20,281

City of Sunbury, PA

The site selected for the Memorial is located beside the Northumberland County Fireman's Memorial, which is between the County Courthouse and the City's Municipal Building. This site will accommodate easy access for public viewing. There are curb cuts at the street corners to facilitate access by those who are physically challenged. The memorial will have a center pillar made of barre gray granite. It will be three feet by two feet two inches by 9 feet. There will be a steeled finish with a five-foot, full body policeman with a four-inch relief. The officer will have an engraved county shield emblem that will be lettered. The end wings will also be barre gray granite that will measure eight foot by one foot six inches by four foot. All steeled with a ten-inch drop and half serp top to each wing. It will be carved with the ten officers' names that are being memorialized. There will be enough space to accommodate an additional twenty names.

Award amount: \$49,058

St. John's County, FL

St. John's County intends to create a permanent tribute in the form of a courtyard with a fountain, to the known eight deputies that have been killed in the line of duty in the agency's 182-year history. This courtyard will be located on the Sheriff's Office grounds, which is centrally located within the judicial and county administrative offices. An outdoor kiosk will allow everyone to hear a brief audio presentation about each of the eight deputies.

Award amount: \$10,185

City of Tacoma, WA

The City of Tacoma intends to place six tributes to fallen officers at police stations throughout the city. One large tribute is proposed for the new headquarters building, and five smaller tributes at each substation located throughout the city. Each tribute will include, at a minimum, a plaque with the names of each of the nine fallen officers together with 11 blank spaces for future use, a place for contemplation and honor, and artwork.

Award amount: \$75,000

City of Tucson, AZ

The City of Tucson intends to complete the third phase of its memorial project, consisting of a lighted statue in the center of the plaza that will serve as a focal point. Added flagstone will create walkways leading up to the statue. The design concept includes granite slabs to cover the exterior garden wall and photo tile murals depicting generations of officers. Three flags, concrete benches, and a bronze plaque will be added. The plaza is accessible to the public 24 hours per day, with free parking and metered street spaces.

Award amount: \$82,550

City of Federal Heights, CO

The City of Federal Heights intends to complete and beautify the current memorial which consists of a grave headstone with a short description. Originally designed to be upright, the stone memorial was frequently knocked over and utilized as a "skateboard" ramp. The misuse and damage required that the memorial be removed and placed in storage. The proposed project includes the establishment of a permanent memorial consisting of a sign with a bronze plaque. The memorial will honor one officer killed in the line of duty and will have the capacity to honor five additional bronze plaques. This project involves proper disposal of existing concrete structures, design and placement of a gazebo with lighting, two picnic tables, two park benches, two barbecue grills, two trash containers, a brick pathway, and a memorial sign with a bronze plaque commemorating Patrolman Messina.

Award amount: \$4,000

City of Alexandria, LA

The City of Alexandria's Memorial will consist of an eternal flame set in the center of a circular polished black granite reflecting pool, the water of which will spill over the edge into a lower, asymmetrical large black granite pool. Polished granite obelisks, one for each fallen hero and bearing his name and badge, will be set seemingly at random in the lower pool which will be lighted for dramatic effect. The fire represents the courage and passion for duty of these men who laid down their lives for us. The water is symbolic of healing, a purpose of the memorial. The granite stone signifies enduring strength and permanence. The memorial will measure 48 feet by 32 feet.

Award amount: \$67,000

State of Vermont

The Vermont Emergency Service Memorial is being created to honor firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel, and corrections officers who have given their life in the line of duty. As of this date, this number totals 62 (37 firefighters, 18 police, 3 EMS and 4 corrections officers dating back to 1872). The project design is carved to represent male and female officers from these services. The pedestal will depict activities and historic events in the development of these services. There will be 12 memorial granite plaques arranged around the exterior of the walkway. These plaques will contain the names of the 62 fallen officers. There will be room for another 60 fallen officer names.

Award amount: \$75,000

Union County, OH

Union County intends to erect a monument to honor and acknowledge all Union County men and women who dedicate their lives to protecting the public's safety and property. The "Call to Duty" statue is a life size bronze figure of a kneeling uniformed officer, cradling a folded flag in one hand, his head down and his face shielded with the other hand. This almost reverently posed statue will be placed upon a 39-inch high hexagon base of three feet wide blue granite panels with a cement core. The three law enforcement officer's names killed in the line of duty will be engraved on the base below their respective department's names.

Award amount: \$43,400

New Jersey Department of Corrections

The New Jersey Department of Corrections (NJDOC) will create a permanent memorial dedicated to correctional officers who have fallen in the line of duty. The memorial will be located on the grounds of the agency's headquarters in West Trenton, N.J. The memorial will consist of a granite and brick wall. The granite centerpiece will include an engraved dedication to the officers and their families as well as a sketch of the NJDOC emblem. Bricks will be engraved with the names of the fallen officers.

Award amount: \$21,065

Arlington County, VA

The County of Arlington intends to erect a monument in memory of the County Peace Officers who have been killed in the line of duty. To date, Arlington County has five such heroes who laid down their lives while providing their services to the citizens of Arlington County. The location of the memorial is within a granite plaza which is landscaped, lighted, and provides comfortable seating for County employees, citizens and visitors to the Courthouse area. This plaza is also the stage for Arlington's annual Peace Officer's Memorial Ceremony.

Award amount: \$50,500

City of Memphis, TN

The City of Memphis dedicated Riverdale Park, located near Fire Station 55, as "Heroes Park" in memory of fallen public safety officers. The overall design concept has become a regional tribute to all public safety officers. Although many police and fire departments across the county already had their own small memorials for fallen officers, they agreed that Heroes Park would be an ideal location for a proper memorial. LETA funding will provide for a large sculpture, bronze badges, lighting, benches, and trees.

Award amount: \$60,000